

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS19608**

This legislation provides additional guidance to the Fish and Game Commission in their mission to manage the state of Idaho's game animals. The new language prioritizes "consumptive use" of game species as the preferred use. The bill provides that the commission focus on areas where game number are low and provide for an intensive management approach where necessary to bring game number up so to better meet the needs of Idahoans for sustained yields of game species for human harvest.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

The mandates of this legislation can be carried out by the Department of Fish and Game with existing funding. Successfully managing game herds for human consumptive use can be expected to increase the number of animals harvested and consequently increase the number of hunting licenses and tags sold, increasing overall revenues to the department.

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